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To the FCC, when Howard Stern was fired from six Clear Channel stations I saw the writing on the wall and purchased an XM radio. Howard is still on in Los Angeles, but I knew it was only a matter of time before he, Heidi, Frosty, and Frank, and other programs that I listen to frequently would either be gone or would be censored so much that they would be unlistenable.

I listen to XM radio several hours each day. I love the variety and I love that, as an adult, I can choose the content I'd like to listen to.

Now I hear that XM may lose its local traffic and weather channels. My question is, "Why?" I travel a lot for my job, and up to date traffic and weather is essential for me. Yes, local stations may have traffic on the threes or sevens, etc., but it's hit or miss. When I encounter a jam on the 101 I need to know if I need to bail out and take surface streets, or if it's a fast jam and I should just wait it out.

The weather is important, also. As with traffic, local weather is hit or miss. When I tune in local stations I may have to wait 15 or 20 minutes for weather. I don't have this kind of time in the morning. I want traffic and weather when I need it, and with XM I pay for this service.

Please don't allow lobbyists to take my freedom of choice away from me.
Thank you.
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